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Application No. 09/755,114 )  
Filed: January 8, 2001 )  
For: ROTOR DISC )

DECISION ON PETITION TO  
RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY

This is a decision on the petition filed via facsimile transmission on February 11, 2002, to reset the period for reply to an Office action due to late receipt of the action.

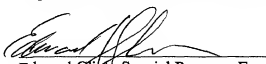
The petition is granted.

Petitioner states the date of receipt of an Office action at the correspondence address was January 16, 2002. The petition includes a copy of the cover sheet of the Office action mailed on December 6, 2001, having a date of receipt of "JAN 16 2002" stamped thereon.

Petitions to reset the period for reply to an Office action due to late receipt of the action are treated in MPEP § 710.06. As set forth in MPEP § 710.06, a petition to restart the previously set period for reply should be filed within two weeks of the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address. In view of the fact that the Office action was mailed between October 13, 2001 and January 2, 2002, when delivery of mail from the Office to certain regions of the country was delayed, this requirement will be waived. Petitioner is advised that any future petition to reset the period for reply to an Office action may not receive favorable consideration unless filed within two weeks of the date of receipt.

Accordingly, the shortened statutory period that was originally set forth in the Office action originally mailed on December 6, 2001 is hereby reset to run FROM THE RECEIPT DATE OF January 16, 2002.

The application file is being forwarded to the Central Files of Technology Center 2800 to await a response to the Office communication. No fee is required for the petition.

  
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